

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the General Federation
of Woman's Club's Tullahoma Woman's Club for
100 years of meritorious service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are celebrating milestones in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Woman's Club's Tullahoma Woman's Club is one such outstanding group; and

WHEREAS, organized in January 1899 and federated in 1900, the G.F.W.C. Tullahoma Woman's Club has proficiently served the needs of its community for over 100 years by providing community and state services to the public; and

WHEREAS, since 1899 the G.F.W.C. Tullahoma Woman's Club has seen the reign of fifty-three presidents during its first century, from the first president, Ms. Ella Ransom, to the 53rd, Ms. Earline Burt of Estill Springs; and

WHEREAS, today the G.F.W.C. Tullahoma Woman's Club boasts of being 132 members strong; the club is community-focused as the ladies give of their time and talents to contribute further to the Tullahoma community and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the club's main concern is that of Education, Literacy and the Arts; and

WHEREAS, upholding their reputation of years of dedicated service to their community, the club participated in and has developed many community projects and functions including that of hosting receptions for City Hall, South Jackson Civic Center and Motlow Jr. College; they

give the Elsie Seal Motlow Nursing Scholarship each year to extend the promise of a future career in nursing to many of the scholarship's recipients; and

WHEREAS, they sponsor one Tullahoma High School student to the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference as well as co-sponsor the Community Leadership Workshop Conference for area high school sophomores; and

WHEREAS, the G.F.W.C. Tullahoma Woman's Club currently has twelve members in the renowned National G.F.W.C. Epsilon Sigma Omicron Sorority; and

WHEREAS, the club also holds the Literacy Auction/Dinner Dance and the Writer's Night reception for the Motlow Jr. College Writer's Conference; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, these exceptional ladies held their annual October Attic and Bake Sale where \$3000 was netted with proceeds distributed to area charities, the Tullahoma Day Care, and to the elementary school libraries; and

WHEREAS, to promote the Tullahoma Beautification project, the club will be adopting a mile of roadway to help keep Tullahoma clean and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, these energetic ladies have supported numerous other causes during their century of service such as sponsoring the first Tullahoma High School Sub-Debs, co-sponsoring an effort with Motlow Jr. College to encourage adults to return to school, and co-sponsoring arts information luncheons for city officials; and

WHEREAS, great advocates of our service men during World War II, these ladies proudly joined the war effort by selling war bonds, rolling bandages, selling stamps, and helping with the USO by raising \$1700 toward the purchase of the G.F.W.C. Bomber; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's finest clubs, The General Federation of Woman's Club's Tullahoma Woman's Club, as these wonderful ladies celebrate their club's centennial; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the members of The General Federation of Woman's Club's Tullahoma Woman's Club for 100 years of exemplary service to their community, their state, and their nation, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.